

Matthew 4:13

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

And leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim:

Analysis

Jesus' relocation from Nazareth to Capernaum was both practical (Nazareth had rejected Him, Luke 4:16-30) and prophetically significant (fulfilling Isaiah 9:1-2). Capernaum became Jesus' ministry headquarters, a fishing town on Galilee's northwest shore. The move to 'the borders of Zabulon and Nephthalim' deliberately fulfilled prophecy, demonstrating that Christ's entire ministry unfolded according to divine decree.

Historical Context

Capernaum was a prosperous fishing village and customs station on the Via Maris trade route. It provided access to larger populations while being less restrictive than Jerusalem. Several disciples including Peter lived there. Archaeological excavations have identified what may be Peter's house.

Related Passages

Matthew 25:31 — Final judgment

Revelation 20:12 — Judgment according to deeds

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's move to Capernaum demonstrate that His entire life and ministry fulfilled divine prophecy?
2. What does Jesus' establishment of a ministry base in 'Galilee of the Gentiles' foreshadow about the gospel going to all nations?

Interlinear Text

καὶ καταλιπὼν τὴν Ναζαρέτ ἐλθὼν κατώκησεν εἰς
And **leaving** **which** **Nazareth** **he came** **and dwelt** **in**
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Καπερναοὺμ τὴν παραθαλασσίαν ἐν ὁρίοις Ζαβουλὼν
Capernaum **which** **is upon the sea coast** **in** **the borders** **of Zabulon**
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καὶ Νεφθαλείμ,
And **Nephthalim**
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Additional Cross-References

Mark 1:21 (Parallel theme): And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.

John 4:46 (Parallel theme): So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum.

Matthew 11:23 (Parallel theme): And thou, Capernaum, which art exalted unto heaven, shalt be brought down to hell: for if the mighty works, which have been done in thee, had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day.

John 6:24 (Parallel theme): When the people therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they also took shipping, and came to Capernaum, seeking for Jesus.

John 6:59 (Parallel theme): These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

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